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SUBJECT: GENERAL TIRE REQUEST

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1. ASSISTANCE TO MABOR TIRE FACTORY ADMINISTRATOR
OLIVEIRA NUNES CONTACTED EMBASSY AFTERNOON AUGUST 24
AND ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE TRANSLATIONO
ASSISTANCE FOR AN "URGENT MEETING" THAT EVENING
TO DISCUSS "IMPORTANT TECHNICAL MATTERS." NUNES,
AMCIT PROJECT MANAGER JOHN PARKS, AND OTHERS WERE
TO BE PRESENT.

2. EBOFF OVERLY AND LOCAL SECRETARY AGREED PROVIDE
TRANSLATION ASSISTANCE. UPON ARRIVAL NUNES' OFFICE,
NUNES SAID SUBJECT OF MEETING WAS NOT "TECHNICAL
MATTERS," BUT DISPUTE BETWEEN NUNES AND PARKS
INVOLVING COMPANY ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. NUNES
STAED PARKS HAD REFUSED ATTEND MEETING BECAUSE
NUNES WOULD NOT ALLOW PRESENCE OF PARK'S ASSISTANTS
AND PARKS DISAGREED WITH PRESENT OF EMBASSY PER-
SONNEL IM MEETING. NUNES SAID PARKS HAD SENT TELEXS
ASKING TO RESIGN AND NUNES WANTED MEETING TO RESOLVE
DIFFERENCES AND PREVENT PARKS RESIGNATION. BECAUSE
OF MUTUAL LANGUAGE PROBLEM BETWEEN NUNES AND PARKS
NUNES WANTED TRANSLATION ASSISTANCE.

3. EMBOFF DECLINED INTERVENT SINCE DISPUTE WAS
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PURELY INTERNAL COMPANY MATTER.

4. EMBOFF CONTACTED PARKS AUGUST 25 -AND TOLD HIM
THAT HE HAD ATTENDED MEETING BASED ON UNDERSTANDING
THAT TECHNICAL MATTER AND NOT INTERNAL COMPANY
MATTERS WERE TO BE DISCUSSED, AND THAT EMBOFF COULD
NOT INTERVENE IN THIS CASE. PARKS APOLOGIZED FOR
NON-ATTENDANCE, STATED DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN HIM
AND NUNES WENT BACK "A LONG TIME," AND STATED THAT
HE WAS GOING TO PORTUGAL WITHIN A FEW DAYS TO DISCUSS
MATTER WITH PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION.
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